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Donetta W. Ambrose

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Commission on Women in the Profession, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Westmoreland Bar Association; Womens Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

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Gary L. Lancaster

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Slippery Rock U 1971 BS; Pittsburgh 1974 JD
Began Service: December 17, 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Regional Counsel, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (1974-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1976-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1987-1993)

Legal Practice: Sole Practitioner (1978-1979); Partner, Cooper & Lancaster (1979-1981); Brown & Smith (1981-1987)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Homer S. Brown Law Association; National Bar Association

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Sean J. McLaughlin

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Georgetown 1977 BA, 1980 JD
Began Service: October 13, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable William W. Knox, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1980-1981)

Legal Practice: Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett (1981-1994)

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Joy Flowers Conti

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1948
Education: Duquesne 1970 BA, 1973 JD
Began Service: August 30, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law (1976-1982)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Justice Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1973-1974)

Corporate: Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll (1996-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1974-1976); Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1983-1996)

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Arthur J. Schwab

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1946
Education: Grove City 1968 AB;
Virginia 1972 JD
Began Service: January 1, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush



Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Grove City College

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Summer Law Clerk, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (1971); Summer Law Clerk, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay (1972); Deputy Head, Litigation Group, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay (1973-1990); Chair of Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll (1990-1999); Chief Counsel-Complex Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll (2000-2002)

Military Service: United States Army National Guard and Army Reserve (1968-1978)

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Kim R. Gibson

District Judge

Education: West Point 1970 BS; Dickinson 1975 JD
Began Service: 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Public Defender, Somerset County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1980); Assistant County Solicitor/Attorney, Somerset County Children and Youth Services (1980-1988); Solicitor, Somerset County (1988-1998)

Judicial: Judge, Court of Common Pleas of 16th Judicial District (1998-2003)

Military Service: U.S. Army (1966-1978); Post Judge Advocate, U.S. Army (1975-1978); U.S. Army Reserve (1978-1996)

Chambers of District Judge Joy Flowers Conti continued

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The Pittsburgh American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation

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David Stewart Cercone

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Westminster (PA) 1974 BA; Duquesne 1977 JD
Began Service: September 12, 2002

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Robert Morris College (1993-1995)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1979)

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1979-1981)

Judicial: District Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982-1985)

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Terrence F. McVerry

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Duquesne 1962 BA, 1968 JD
Began Service: September 27, 2002

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1969-1973)

Judicial: Judge, Court of Common Pleas (1998-2000)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk & Associate, Eddy & Osterman (1966-1970); Partner, McVerry, Baxter & Cindrich (1972-1988); Grogan, Graffam, McGinley & Lucchino PTR (1989-1998)

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